

Approved January 24, 2008

Spencer County Plan Commission  
Meeting Minutes  
November 29, 2007

The Spencer County Plan Commission held its monthly meeting on Thursday November 29, 2007. Members in attendance were Nathan Helms, Steve Sisley, Scott Sublett, Rex Winchell, Steve Winsett and Phillip Schmidt. Absent Al Logsdon, Pete Rapp and Jerry Embry. Chairman Nathan Helms called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. A copy of last months minutes that was mailed out stand approved as presented. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss property maintenance.

Debbie Steinkamp Director of Solid Waste District in Spencer County presented the Property Maintenance Ordinance to the board. In the past year or so, Solid Waste District, Theresa Cail and Attorney John Wetherill representing Plan Commission, Rita Stallings and Jeff Lindsey representing Health Department, and Commissioner Dan Rininger, established a Property Maintenance Ordinance. Currently we have nothing that gives us authority to encourage residents to keep properties maintained regarding weeds, abandoned vehicles, and junk. This ordinance is for unincorporated areas of the County. Steinkamp also stated when there has been junk dumped on your property it doesn't cost you anything to dispose of it correctly at Solid Waste. Sheriff's Department can look through it and see if any names are there but can not go onto your private property to pick trash up. Those who will be enforcing this ordinance are Health Department, Plan Commission, Solid Waste and Law Enforcement. Steinkamp explained this is for fresh eyes to look over and make sure things are crystal clear regarding the intend of the ordinance. She also stated this is a step in the right direction and welcomed phone calls if there were any more questions. After a brief discussion Steinkamp said this will go before the Commissioner's December 3, 2007.

Administrator Cail announced our Spencer County Web site is up and running and can be viewed at [www.spencercounty.in.gov](http://www.spencercounty.in.gov)

Attorney Wetherill gave update on SOB; the appeal was filed in Gibson County. We are defending the victory we received and the defendants are trying to overrule Judge Roell's verdict. Wetherill believes it went very well and we should hear something back in approximately 2 months. Wetherill stated we need to have a December meeting as soon as possible to go over our Sub Division Exemptions.

Helms announced Sara Arnold, Assessor of Spencer County, and her staff successfully presented evidence for re-assessment of commercial property. Helms ask the board what they thought of sending a letter of acknowledgement for all her hard work. After a brief discussion all agreed this was an excellent idea and to also send one to Cheryl Musgrave.

Steve Winsett made a motion to adjourn the meeting, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Rex Winchell, all in favor.  
Meeting adjourned at 7:52pm.  
Next Meeting December 27, 2007 at 6:00pm.

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